

# Chapter 21 Sunset





I NEVER  
THOUGHT  
IT WOULD  
COME TO  
THIS.

BUT...



YAKIMO-  
SAN COULD  
JUST  
HAND ME  
OVER TO  
DRAGON'S  
BEARD.

IT  
ONLY  
MAKES  
SENSE.



THIS  
DONESNT  
EVEN FEEL  
REAL.

I CANT  
EVEN  
WRAP  
MY  
MIND  
AROUND  
IT.



WILL I  
EVENTUALLY  
HAVE TO KILL  
PEOPLE WITH  
THIS?



EVER  
SINCE I  
CAME  
BACK TO  
THIS  
TOWN...



I DON'T  
THINK  
ANY OF  
THIS  
EVER  
FELT  
REAL

...BUT  
NOW  
THAT I  
LOOK  
BACK,



MAYBE  
I'LL BE  
KILLED

BEFORE  
I HAVE  
TO KILL  
ANYONE.

.....





SO WE'LL  
BE LIVING  
SEPARATE  
LIVES.

BUT RAI  
SAID HE'S  
DECIDED TO  
STAY WITH  
DRAGON'S  
BEARD

DON'T  
HE IN  
DRAGON'S  
BEARD?  
WAS IT  
THAT  
EASY?

WHAT?  
REALLY?



YOU DIDN'T  
TALK ABOUT  
LIVING TO-  
GETHER?!

?!

WHY?!



AND YOU  
WANTED SO  
BADLY TO  
SEE HIM.

RAI'S  
STILL A  
KID TOO,  
ISN'T  
HE?





BECAUSE  
I'LL  
PROTECT  
YOU.

YOU  
WON'T  
HAVE TO  
DO ANY  
WORK  
THAT PUTS  
YOU IN  
DANGER.



SQUEE

YOU  
DON'T  
HAVE TO  
CHANGE  
AT ALL,  
GOMONSI.



ALWAYS...

HE SERVED  
LOVELY  
HOMETOWN  
WELL FOR A  
LONG TIME.

I BELIEVE,  
AS AN  
ORGANIZATION,  
WE NEED TO  
SETTLE THE  
SCORE  
REGARDING  
MANOME'S  
DEATH.





JUST  
BE SURE  
TO DO NO  
MORE THAN  
WHAT IS  
ABSOLUTE-  
LY NECESS-  
ARY



YOU  
MEAN  
KUON?



That



REMEMBER  
THAT IT IS  
NOT OUR  
DUTY TO  
DISRUPT THE  
PEACE IN  
THIS TOWN.

YES,  
SIR.



IT'S  
ONLY A  
MATTER  
OF TIME  
BEFORE  
DRAGON'S  
BEARD  
FALLS

Fuuu



YOU  
LET HER  
MEET HER  
BROTHER,  
DIDN'T  
YOU?

BY THE  
WAY, WHAT  
BECAME  
OF THAT  
GIRL?



THAT'S  
TRUE.

THE  
COLLAPSE OF  
NATIONS AND  
ORGANIZATIONS  
TORN APART BY  
USELESS INTERNAL  
DISPUTES IS  
SOMETHING THAT  
OCCURS OVER  
AND OVER  
THROUGHOUT  
HISTORY.



BUT I'M  
GLAD I GOT  
TO TALK TO  
YOU, THANKS,  
MAYINO-  
SENSEI.

BUT SHE  
PARTED  
WAYS WITH  
HIM AND  
CAME  
BACK.

I THOUGHT  
SHE AND HER  
BROTHER WOULD  
BOTH CUT TIES  
WITH THEIR  
FACTIONS AND  
DISAPPEAR,

...YES.



WE MET  
AT THE  
FUNERAL.

OF  
COURSE.

DO YOU  
REMEMBER  
THE  
MAN  
NAMED  
GOKON-  
SHI?



WELL,  
THERE'S  
NO  
DENYING  
HER  
Talent.

WILL YOU  
CONTINUE  
TO USE  
HER?



I SEE.



ALTHOUGH,  
HE MAY  
NOT LAST  
LONG...



AS  
COMPENSA-  
TION, I HAD  
HIM JOIN OUR  
GROUP

HE  
MADE A  
BIT OF A  
MISTAKE.

MBI  
LIKES  
HIM, SO  
THIS WILL  
ALLOW US  
TO KEEP  
USING HER  
FOR A  
WHILE.



I'M  
SORRY FOR  
INVOLVING  
PERSONAL  
FEELINGS.



SHE'S  
UNUSUALLY  
PARTIAL  
TO YOU,  
AFTER ALL.

WELL,  
YOU CAN DO  
AS YOU  
PLEASE.







AKI-  
CHAN!



IT'S  
FOR  
YOU,  
GOMON-  
SI.

HUH?  
WHO...



IS  
GEN-  
SAN  
OKAY?!

WAIT!  
GEN-  
SAN...!



IF YOU  
STAY IN  
THIS  
TOWN,  
THEY  
COULD  
KILL YOU  
ANY—

DRAGON'S  
BEARD  
WON'T  
LET YOU  
OFF THE  
HOOK.



KA-  
ZUO-  
SAN...

HOW CAN YOU  
JUST HANG  
OUT AROUND  
HERE? THAT  
QUACK DOCTOR  
TOLD ME  
EVERYTHING!

WHAT  
HAVE  
YOU  
DONE...?!



THAT  
WAS  
AWFUL  
OF  
ME...



HE'S FINE.  
HE'S THE  
GROUP'S  
PERSONAL  
DOCTOR, YOU  
KNOW.

HE WAS  
PRETTY  
DAMN  
UPSET  
WITH YOU,  
THOUGH.



...YOU  
FORGOT  
ABOUT  
HIM,  
DIDN'T  
YOU?



...ACTUALLY  
ABOUT  
THAT..



GET  
YOUR  
THINGS  
TO-  
GETHER!

FORGET  
ABOUT  
HIM! JUST  
GET AWAY,  
RIGHT  
NOW!



...YOU'RE  
KIDDING,  
RIGHT?

A black and white manga panel showing a man with dark hair and a woman with long hair and sunglasses. The man is looking away with a distressed expression, while the woman is shouting with her mouth wide open, her hand on his shoulder. The background is dark and indistinct.

DON'T  
DO THIS...  
IT'S NOT  
TOO  
LATE.

RUN  
AWAY  
FROM  
HERE!!  
OKAY?!

YOU  
CAN'T  
SURVIVE  
IN THIS  
WORLD!

NOT  
YOU,  
AKI-  
CHAN!!

A black and white manga panel showing a close-up of a man with dark hair looking upwards with a shocked and distressed expression. His mouth is slightly open, and his eyes are wide.

...I  
DIDN'T  
HAVE  
MUCH  
CHOICE.

WHY...?

A black and white manga panel showing a man and a woman standing together. The woman is wearing sunglasses and a trench coat. The man is looking at her with a serious expression. A small child with dark hair is visible in the foreground, looking up at them.

...WHAT  
SHE SAID,  
I GUESS.

GOHONGI  
ALREADY  
SWORE HIS  
LOYALTY.

BUT...

A black and white manga panel showing a close-up of a young girl with dark hair tied in pigtails, wearing a school uniform with a tie. She has a wide, somewhat unsettling smile on her face.

IF HE  
FLEES NOW,  
IT'LL BE  
LOVELY  
HOMETOWN  
THAT KILLS  
HIM.







I MEAN,

SOUNDS  
LIKE  
SOME  
BIT PART  
IN A  
MOVIE,  
RIGHT?

GETTING  
SHOT FROM  
BEHIND  
WHILE I'M  
RUNNING  
AWAY



...SORRY  
FOR ALWAYS  
WORRYING  
YOU, KAZUKI-  
SAN.

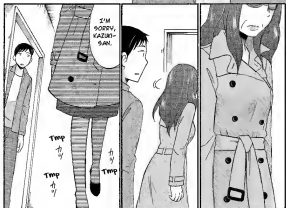
BUT...



THIS IS  
NOT A  
MOVIE.

LOOK AT  
REALITY!







IS  
GOING  
OUT...

MY  
LIGHT



AH...







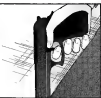














I  
GOT MY  
SHIRT  
DIRTY,  
THOUGH.



BUT YOU  
NEVER GET  
YOUR OWN  
HANDS  
DIRTY,  
HUH?



HA  
HA.

I WISH  
I COULD'VE  
SEEN THE LOOK  
ON THAT  
SMART-ASS  
SHINSEN'S  
FACE WHEN HE  
PUT A BULLET  
THROUGH HIS  
OWN HEAD



Bang

Bang

!!



...YEAH.



IT'LL  
BE TOUGH  
TO KEEP  
UP THAT  
POLICE

YOU'VE  
GOTTA  
LOOK OUT  
FOR  
YOURSELF

OUR  
WORLD  
ISN'T  
THAT  
BASH



